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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
May 2, 2006**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

5/4 Meeting with At-Atl & JLDC re: mine strategy  
5/9 RMDC - Helena - noon  
5/10 JLDC - 2:00  
Jefferson River Watershed - 7:00

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**NORTH END ZONING COMMISSION**

Commissioner Lythgoe reported on the zoning commission meeting held on Thursday night. He stated that they discussed the direction the commission should take, and they decided to deal with the north end as it borders Lewis and Clark County on the west side of the highway and back to South Hills on the east side.

**POSSIBLE ROAD SWAP**

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he meet with MDT the previous day regarding Ron Pearson's proposal for a road swap between Jefferson County and MDT, with MDT taking South Hills Road and Jefferson County taking 282 to Haab Lane. MDT stated that the only way that they would consider such a swap would be if Jefferson County first brought South Hills Road up to secondary standards. Someone from MDT will be sending a letter giving an official response.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Weber reported that a Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday. He stated that there was a pretty good turn-out. They are working on developing a safety plan for each department.

**CSAA**

Commissioner Weber on a CSAA meeting held in Helena on Friday. They discussed plans for May 2, 2006 minutes.wpd

crisis response developed by different areas. Great Falls is developing a peer support system, Helena a crisis response team, and Bozeman a transportation system with two buses. CSAA is writing letters of support for all three plans, which will next go to the state for funding approval.

### **PROPERTY TAXES**

Commissioner Notbohm reported that a woman was in the Commission office the previous week looking for help with a property tax issue. She had been allowed a pretty good tax reduction in the past, based on income. She didn't request the reduction the previous year, and as her taxes are paid for as part of her house payment, she didn't realize her oversight until her payment increased significantly. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he was able to work with the Department of Revenue to get the situation worked out.

### **ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS**

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Commission had gotten a letter from Ben Sautter, Road Supervisor, requesting permission to bid on two pieces of equipment being offered in an auction in Colorado. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he thinks they should authorize Ben to bid on the equipment, noting that roads are the most important issue in the County at this time. He also noted that Ben has been doing well with getting equipment replaced. The Commission agreed to authorize Ben to bid on the equipment.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission received a letter from Glacier Affordable Housing Foundation requesting a letter of support for them to work with residents of Jefferson County through the HOME program. It was agreed that a support letter would be written.

### **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW**

#### **APPOINT ELECTION JUDGES**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to appoint as election judges and chiefs all of the people recommended by Bonnie Ramey, Clerk and Recorder. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

#### **APPOINT FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEES**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to appoint the following as Trustees for three year terms:

- Jason Norman - Basin Fire Department
- Lewis L. Mills - Jefferson Valley Rural Fire District
- John Heide and Edward K. McCauley - Bull Mountain Fire District
- Thomas Gannon - Montana City Fire District
- John Kump and John Konda - Elk Park Fire District

Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried. Commissioner Lythgoe noted that Bonnie still has not gotten a response regarding the two open positions on the Jefferson City Fire Department Trustee Board, so this will be put back on the agenda.

#### DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to designate the polling places, as presented by Bonnie Ramey, Clerk and Recorder. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

#### APPOINT FAIR BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner Notbohm stated that a Fair Board member from the south end of the County decided not to seek reappointment when her term expired, and the Board felt it best to seek a replacement from that area. An application was submitted by Carole Wortman, and Commissioner Notbohm moved to appoint her to the Fair Board. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

#### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ROAD/BRIDGE TECHNICIAN

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they need to confirm that they accept the recommendation of the hiring committee, that Margie Gustafson be hired. Commissioner Weber stated that he so moved; Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

#### **ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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